

REMARKS

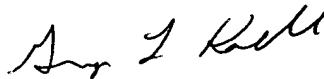
In response to the restriction requirement, claims 1-11 are pending and by this Amendment, claims 12-24 are withdrawn.

The pending claims were subject to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. In particular, the Examiner asserted that there were four distinct species of the claimed invention. Applicant elects "Species A of Figs. 1-4," with traverse, electing claims 1-11. The Examiner asserts that none of the pending claims appear to be generic. Pursuant to MPEP § 806.04(d), a generic claim must read on each of the species. Applicant respectfully asserts that independent claim 1 is generic in accordance with these requirements as it reads on each of the species as defined by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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